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Reply to the Office Action of March 30, 2010

REMARKS

A. Introduction

Claims 1-3, 6, 15 and 17-19 were pending and under consideration. Claims 4-5, 7-14 and 16 were previously cancelled.

In the Office Action of March 30, 2010, claims 1-3, 6, 15 and 17-19 were rejected as obvious.

With this amendment, claims 18 and 19 are amended.

B. Rejection under 35 USC §112

Claims 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

With this amendment, claims 18 and 19 are amended taking into consideration the Examiner's suggestions.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

C. Rejection under 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 3, 15 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,931,782 over Jackson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,835,950 to Brown.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Jackson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,835,950 to Brown and in further view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0153360 to Yamazaki . The rejections are traversed for at least the following reasons.

In relevant part, each of the independent claims 1 and 17 recite the whole face of the display panel including a sealing panel formed directly on (a) a second adhesive layer and (b) at least one filter.

In the Office Action of March 30, 2010, the Examiner correctly asserts that "Jackson, as modified by Brown, fails to teach that the sealing panel between the driving panel and the touch panel, is formed directly on (b) at least one filter." See, Office Action of March 30, 2010 at Page 10.

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The Examiner also states in the March 30, 2010 Office Action, that Brown discloses a color display and by this disclosure, one having ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to place a color filter under a sealing panel. See, Office Action of March 30, 2010 at Page 10-11. Specifically, Brown makes a single reference to the display unit being color in the background section by stating:

“Also, OLEDs readily lend themselves to applications requiring a wide variety of colors and to applications that concern large-area devices.” See, U.S. Pat. No. 6, 835,950, Col. 1, l. 25-27.

The Examiner asserts that based on this one sentence, one having ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to place a filter under a sealing panel. By making this assertion, the Examiner is improperly attempting to read more from Brown than Brown discloses. Brown merely discloses that a display may be a color display and nothing more. The Examiner cannot point to any other portion of Brown which discloses anything pertaining to a structure where a color filter is placed under a sealing panel. As one having ordinary skill in the art would recognize, placement of a color filter in an OLED device is achieved through many different configurations. It is unclear how a simple statement that a display device may be a color display device would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to not only add a color filter, but to also place the color filter under a sealing panel. Accordingly, the Examiner has improperly attempted to add features to the disclosure of Brown.

Yamazaki, similarly, fails to disclose or even fairly suggest anything pertaining to a color filter.

Therefore, because Jackson, Brown, Yamazaki or any possible combination of them fail to disclose or even fairly suggest every feature of claims 1 and 17, the rejection of claims 1 and 17 cannot stand. Because claims 2-3, 6 and 15 depend, either directly or indirectly.

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E. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, there being no other objections or rejections, this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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